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Lucerne, Switzerland, Sept. 19.-The fourteenth international peace congress opened here today under the most auspicious conditions, The number of delegates is larger than ever, and there seems to be much more enthusiasm among the foreign delegates than ever before. The representation of the United States has never been so large and, including the delegates of the various peace societies and other organizations interested in the international peace agitation, state representatives and peace delegates of various organizations only indirectly concerned in the objects of the peace movement there are over one hundred and fifty Americans attending the congress.

The opening session or the conference was called to order today by the veteran peace worker, M. Frederic Baer, of Denmark, the head of the international peace bureau at Berne. M. Elie Ducommun, also of the peace bureau, acted as secretary. Mr. Bajer delivered the opening address, in which he outlined the program for the congress. He called attention to the war just ended and the increasing sentiment in favor of supplanting war by aribtration, dust. Just the thing for stores, offices, He expressed the hope that the conner and would reach tangible and prac- ence will be convened at the call of the ticable results before it adjourned. He emperor of Russia, as has been indicated the discussion of plans which were not government, having caused the postponetoo visionary to hope for their success. ment of the second conference on acof the peace bureau on the events of willing to proceed to the second conthe year relating to war and peace, ference called by President Roosevelt, An important feature will be the study of the conditions of the establishment of yet been informed of this decision, but an international federation, with spec- it is disposed to accept the St. Petersial considerationof the problems of the burg advices as conclusive on that point guarantee of the autonomy of the nathe promotion of unity, methods of international legal procedure, and the spread of ideas of natural law and morals in the promotion of peace.

The special report and conclusions of the commission apointed to study the problem of a reconciliation between France and Germany will form an interesting subject of discussion. Another part of the deliberations will be devoted to the study of the economic causes of war. Reports on the workingmen's movements in the interest of peace, and on the general subject of industrial concentration, trusts, and syndicates, as affecting peace and international relations, will be submitted and discussed. Other important features of the program are: The alliance of states for the promotion of pacific ends; the civil 168 Tenth Street, sanctions of international arbitration decisions; the neutralization of land and water areas; the work of the coming second international conference at Tae Hague; the arrect and reduction of arma ments; the creation of a permanent in-

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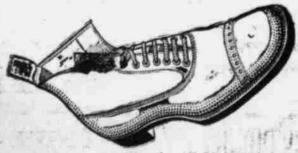
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The question of creating an international auxiliary language will also be considered. This subject has been considered by several previous congresses, but no satisfactory conclusion was ever reached. It is believed now that the present congress will bring the problem a big step nearer its solution. Besides the features already selected on Maintains unexcelled service from the the program there will be many in the course of the deliberations of the congress. The delegates are quite confident that the present congress will be far more successful than any of its predecessors, owing to the fact that recent events have prepared the ground for rapid progress in the interest of the international peace movement.

Belief Is Prevailant that Emporer Merely Signified Acceptance.

Presidents' Call for Second International Peace Congress Is Sufficient When Powers are Ready to Participate-Administrative Council Will Set Date.

Washington, Sept. 19.-It is not believed in Washington that the proposed econd international peace conference at The Hague will be held this year. It gress would work in a systematic man- is doubted, also, that the second conferwarned against futile attempts to car- in dispatches from St. Petersburg. It ry out impossible utopian plans, and adl is assumed that what has happened in vised the conference to confine itself to in St. Petersburg is that the Russian According to the program of the con- count of war, is now about to notify gress the first business is the report the administrative council that it is now The state department so far has not

The next step in order if the normal tions forming the federation, the har. course is followed is a definite acceptmonious adjustment and management of ance by the powers of an invitation nam their common interests, measures for ing a specific date for the conference, and this probably will contain reservations by most of the powers with the purpose of securing limitations of the program of topics to be considered. This may naturally be expected to cousume many weeks, and perhaps months, so it is improbable that the second conference at The Hague will meet before the next calendar year

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